IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims, and replaces all earlier version and listings.

1. - 28. (canceled).

29. (currently amended): An image processing apparatus connected to a color printer and a monochromatic printer, said image processing apparatus comprising:

a discrimination unit that discriminates whether ~~each~~ a page in a print job consisting of a plurality of pages is a color page or a monochromatic page;

a determination unit that determines whether ~~each~~ the page ~~in the print job~~ is to be output to the color printer or to the monochromatic printer, based on a discrimination made by said discrimination unit;

an output unit that outputs print data of ~~each~~ the page ~~selectively~~ to the ~~color~~ printer ~~or to the monochromatic printer~~ based on a determination made by said determination unit;

an obtaining unit that obtains ~~ejection function~~ information about ~~an~~ what kind of paper ejection function is provided in the color printer and in the monochromatic printer; and

an adding unit that adds, to the print data to be output by said output unit, an ejection command, based on the ejection function information obtained by said obtaining unit, such that an ejection position is changed in an ejection manner according to the ejection function provided in the ~~color~~ printer ~~and in the monochromatic printer~~ selected by

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said determination unit when a succeeding page is not serial to the ~~previously~~ page

previously outputted ~~page~~ by that printer.

30. - 32.   (canceled).

33. (currently amended): An image processing method for use in an image

processing apparatus that is connected to a color printer and a monochromatic printer, said

method comprising the steps of:

a discriminating step for discriminating whether ~~each~~ a page in a print job

consisting of a plurality of pages is a color page or a monochromatic page;

a determination step for determining whether ~~each~~ the page ~~in the print job~~

is to be output to the color printer or to the monochromatic printer, based on a

discrimination made in said discriminating step;

an output step for outputting print data of ~~each~~ the page ~~selectively~~ to the

~~color~~ printer ~~or to the monochromatic printer~~ based on a determination made in said

determination step;

an obtaining step for obtaining ~~ejection function~~ information about ~~an~~ what

kind of paper ejection function is provided in the color printer and in the monochromatic

printer; and

an adding step for adding, to the print data to be output in said output step,

an ejection command, based on the ejection function information obtained in said obtaining

step, such that an ejection position is changed in an ejection manner according to the

ejection function provided in the ~~color~~ printer ~~and in the monochromatic printer~~ selected by

said determination unit when a succeeding page is not serial to the ~~previously~~ page previously outputted ~~page~~ by that printer.

34. (previously presented): An image processing apparatus according to claim 29, wherein the ejection command added by said adding unit is a command for shifting the ejection position from one position in a tray to a second position in that same tray.

35. (previously presented): An image processing apparatus according to claim 29, wherein the ejection command added by said adding unit is a command for ejection to another bin.

36. (previously presented): An image processing method according to claim 33, wherein the ejection command added in said adding step is a command for shifting the ejection position from one position in a tray to a second position in that same tray.

37. (previously presented): An image processing method according to claim 33, wherein the ejection command added in said adding step is a command for ejection to another bin.